miscreants are also deployed in the affected sections / Trains. Due to such drives, a total of 31,282 male persons were apprehended by RPF while travelling in ladies compartments during the period form 1st July 2004 to 30th June 2005, and prosecuted 29,600 under the Railways Act in the Courts of Law. An amount of Rs. 37,45,988/- has been realized from them as fine.

Encroachment of railway land on outskirts of Patna

*93. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons have grabbed Railway land on Khargaul-Neora road on the outskirts of Patna and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that officials of the Railways have turned a blind eye towards the flagrant encroachment;

(c) if so, what action Government have taken against such officials; and

(d) whether the encroachment has since been cleared, and if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. However, some encroachments on Railway land at Khargaul-Neora road on the outskirts of Patna were noticed, which were removed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) All the encroachments have been removed.

Upgradation of NIN

*94. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal by ICMR to upgrade the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details of such steps proposed by ICMR;

(c) the problems identified by the ICMR with regard to the functioning of the NIN, Hyderabad;

(d) the details of problems observed and the solutions proposed within this financial year by ICMR; and

(e) what other steps are proposed to remove various problems related to the National Institute of Nutrition?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (e) The National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) is a permanent research Institute under Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), a fully funded autonomous organization under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Institute has been recognized by many national and international agencies as center for conducting advanced as well as ad-hoc training courses in nutrition and laboratory animal sciences. The Institute also functions as a nodal agency for Food & Drug Toxicology Research Centre (FDTRC), National Centre for Laboratory Animal Sciences (NCLAS) and the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB).

During the year 2005-06, the Institute has been allocated a budgetary provision of Rs. 17.77 crores both for Plan and Non-Plan activities. Scaling up the infrastructure, laboratory facilities, manpower skill etc. of all the permanent institutes and centers of ICMR is a continuous process. The following research facilities were modernized/established recently:—

i. Establishment of a HPCL analytical facility.
ii. Establishment of GM Food analytical facility.
iii. Establishment of equipment facilities at Primate Centre.

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of NIN consisting of eminent scientists which reviews the work done by the Institute in preceding year and gives guidance for activities to be taken up in the following year, has not indicated any problem in the functioning of NIN.

Unemployment problem among the Pharma Graduates/Post Graduates

*95. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the unemployment problem among the Pharma Graduates/Post Graduates, etc.;